

HARMONY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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"Living Together in Harmony"

MINUTES

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09 September 2003

Present: Karen Buckley, Harry Cosimano Abigail Crouse, Dave Bruckman,, Bill Rosebrock,, Brett Bragin, Jim Wright (1st alternate) and Michael Hedlund (2nd alternate).

Absent: Tim Sullivan.

I. Opening:

Meeting opened in accordance with the Sunshine Law and Pledge of Allegiance at 1940 hours.

II. Minutes: The revised minutes of the July 08, 2003 meeting were reviewed and approved. The minutes of the August 12, 2003 meeting were also reviewed and approved.

III. Correspondence:

A) Received information on the NJDEP Green Acres & Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program.

B) Received the Summer 2003 NJ Flows Newsletter.

C) Received an announcement on the ANJEC seminar on Designing for the Environment.

D) Received information regarding a seminar to be held by the NJ section of the American Water Resources Association.

IV. New Business: No New Business.

V. Old Business:

A) Soil Testing Ordinance - We need to write a letter to the Land Use Board requesting that a soil testing ordinance be drafted.

B) Harmony Community Day - September 20th - Brett will supply a table and some chairs. Jim will bring a small tent to cover the table. Karen will make a sign-up sheet for people to sign up for the water testing. Karen had previously requested crayons from Binney & Smith, to be given out to children at Community Day. We received a box of free crayons from them. Karen will write a thank you letter to them which states that we are a non-profit organization.

C) Warren County Environmental Commission Dunlap Grant - We did get a letter of support from the Township Committee. The grant application has been submitted. The Warren County Environmental Commission will award the grant at its regular meeting on Thursday September 25th. Karen will attempt to attend their meeting.

D) Dowel/Centex Homes – EIS review Although many of our comments were brought to the attention of the Land Use Board by other reviewers at the meeting held on September 3rd, we still need to write a letter to the Land Use Board so that our assessment of the EIS is on the record. It is not clear if the entire EIS report will be re-done based on the comments expressed at the September 3rd Land Use Board meeting. The Environmental Commission

feels that the Dowel/Centex EIS report is severely deficient and is unacceptable, and should be completely re-done by an environmental consultant of the Townships choosing (to be paid for by Centex).

E) Air Quality Committee - It does not appear that any of the Environmental Commission members have the time to sit on this committee.

F) Compilation of Environmental Issues in the Township – Brett was able to get a map showing hazardous waste sites within the Township from the NJDEP website, but more work needs to be done regarding this compilation. Several ideas for what should be included were discussed

G) Lower Delaware River Wild & Scenic Designation - A meeting was held earlier today, from 1500 hrs to 1700 hrs. Harmony Township was on the agenda regarding the proposed amendments to the wording of the W&S designation that the Township Committee approved. No Environmental Commission members were able to attend this meeting, so we do not know if the issue has been resolved.

There being no further business, the September meeting of the Harmony Township Environmental Commission was adjourned at 2100 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Brett Bragin, Secretary